



+ Sixth Sunday of Easter
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+ Sixth Sunday of Easter Order for Worship

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter.

Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be.

Jesus offers peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

Welcome to St. Andrew!

- St. Andrew welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing, wholeness, and acceptance in a nurturing and faith-forming spiritual home. We are striving toward racial equity worldwide and we seek to honor the lived experience of all individuals regardless of background. Our community embraces people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!
- Worship Services are live-streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.
- Everyone is invited to make a name tag at the black bookcase in the back of the worship space if they would like. There are stickers indicating pronouns on the bookcase if you would like to include them on your name tag.
- Children are invited to attend Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, during worship (after the Prayer of the Day). The group returns to the worship space for the liturgy of Holy Communion.
- A nursery is available through the doors at the left side of the sanctuary and across from the doorway to the Social Hall. Look for a purple-colored room.
- Worship “toolkits” to help children engage with the service, along with “busy bags” for younger children, are available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children.
- Holy Communion is served with bread (gluten-free available) and wine or grape juice. The presiding minister will distribute the bread (host). Please consume this and then pick up an empty glass from the tray. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass. Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice. Feel free to kneel at the altar for prayer and reflection. As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.
- A restroom is available on the main level of the church, through the doors to the Social Hall and to the right in the main office.

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Prelude

It is Well with My Soul

Bliss/arr. Rainey

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

*Please rise as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at Baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.


P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.


P: Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and follow in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.


C: Amen.




M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."


Refrain



Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

ELW p. 149-150

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm,
and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word,
that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

*Children are invited to join the adult leader(s) at the door for Little Church – Big Faith.
We ask that an additional adult from the congregation attend with the children.*

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading – Acts 16: 9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

*The psalm will be sung responsively, led by the cantor,
with the congregation responding with the bold verses and refrain.*

Psalm tone



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Psalm refrain



Let the na - tions be glad and sing for joy.

Psalm 67:4

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- ¹ May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- ² **Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**
- ³ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth. R**
- ⁵ Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷ May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**

Second Reading – Revelation 21: 10, 22 – 22: 5

¹⁰ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night

there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 151



Gospel – John 14: 23-29

P: The holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ Jesus answered [Judas [not Iscariot], “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

*A time of silence for prayer and reflection follows the sermon.
When the hymn of the day begins, please rise as you are able.*

Hymn of the Day

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

*No download files were available for this hymn. Please turn to hymn number 773
at the back of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnals found in the pews.*

Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

Prayers of the People

A: United in the joy and hope of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition

A: Gracious God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We lift these prayers to you O God, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The people may greet those around them with a sign of Christ's peace and may say
Peace be with you or similar words.*

Please be mindful that not everyone will be comfortable with sharing the peace, so please seek consent before shaking hands or hugging. Other possible ways to share the peace include a simple bow with the verbal greeting of peace, or simply a verbal expression of peace.

When the greetings of peace have concluded, please be seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God. As the offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need, the table is set for Holy Communion.

There are laminated giving cards in the pew racks that feature a QR code for anyone who would like to give online. Those who give using the QR code, as well as those who give regularly online or through their bank are encouraged to place the laminated card in the plate as an expression of your offering.

Music during the Offering

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Shackley

As the gifts are brought forward for presentation, please rise as you are able.

Offertory Song

Let the Vineyards

ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,

C: ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Dialogue

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

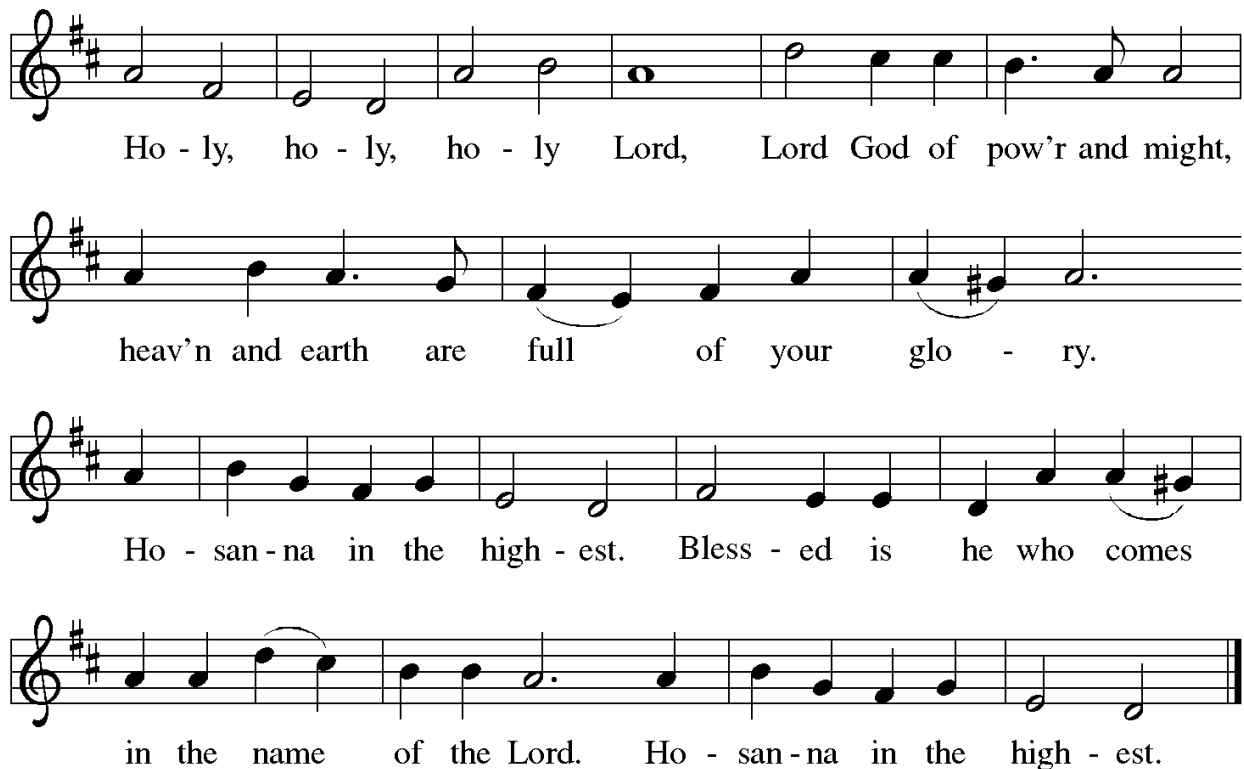
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface *(Sung by the presiding minister)*

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

ELW p. 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe ...
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we proclaim our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life ...
... Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread ...
... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places ...
... O God, blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

Fraction and Invitation

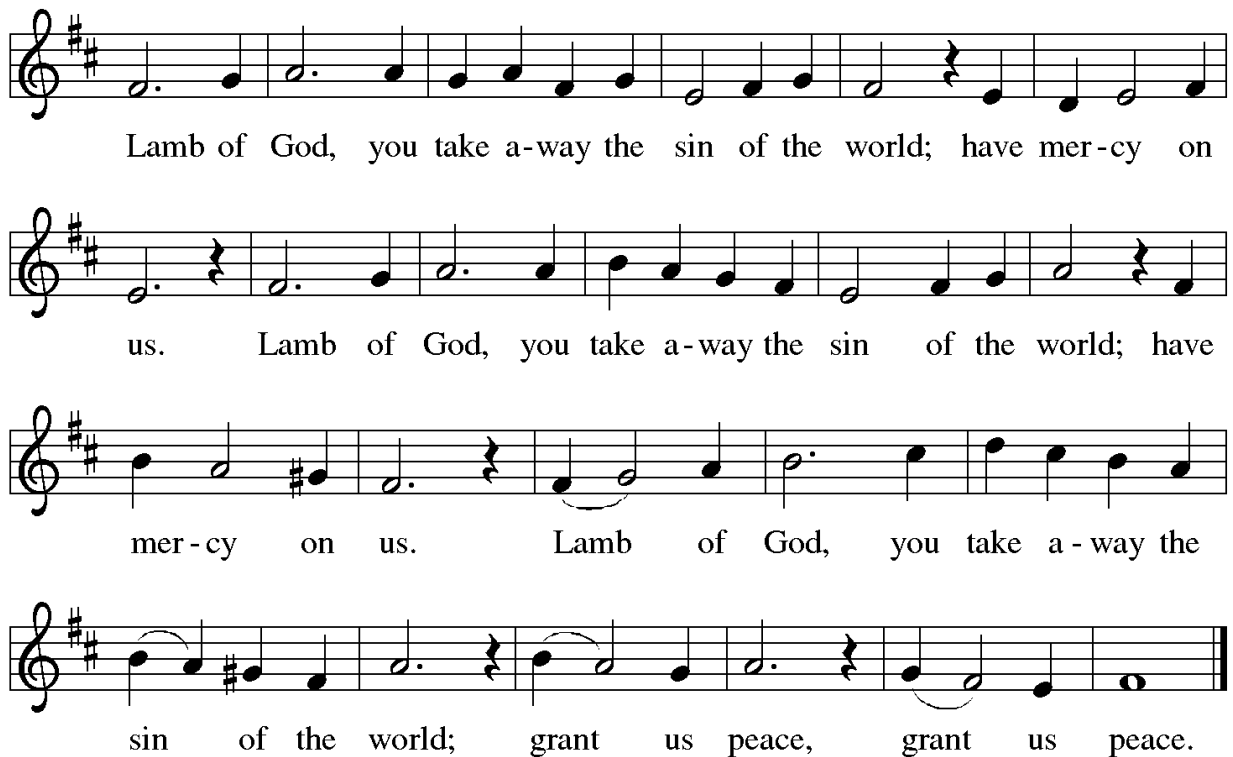
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Come, share the feast.

Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

ELW p. 154



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The score includes rests and ties to indicate the phrasing of the lyrics.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

Holy Communion

- All who seek God and desire a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
- Worshipers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.
- Please inform an usher if you would like the ministers to bring Communion to you.
- Holy Communion will be served with bread and wine (red) or grape juice (white).
- The presiding minister will first distribute the bread (host) to each communicant. Please indicate if you require a gluten-free host.

- *Once you have consumed the bread, please pick up an empty glass from the tray next to the presiding minister. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass.*
- *Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice.*
- *Feel free to kneel at the altar rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.*
- *As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty tray on the side of the center section.*
- *A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament.*
- *All are invited to join in singing the hymns during Holy Communion.*

Hymns during Holy Communion

Peace to Soothe Our Bitter Woes

ELW 381

1 Peace, to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;
2 Peace with - in the church still dwells in our wel - comes and fare - wells;

Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre - cious blood;
and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.

peace in him for sin - ners found is the gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt.
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

Hymns during Holy Communion

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

ELW 628

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains five verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the second system.

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version

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Hymns during Holy Communion

Come, Holy Spirit

ACS 940

The musical score is written for two parts: a Leader and an Assembly. It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into three systems, each with a Leader part on top and an Assembly part on the bottom.

System 1:

Leader: Come, Ho - ly Spir-it. Come, Ho - ly

Assembly: Come, Ho - ly Spir-it.

System 2:

Leader: Spir-it. Mar - a - na - tha!

Assembly: Come, Ho - ly Spir-it.

System 3:

Leader: Come, Lord, come.

Assembly: Mar - a - na - tha! Come, Lord, come.

Text: Iona Community

Music: COME, HOLY SPIRIT (IONA), Iona Community

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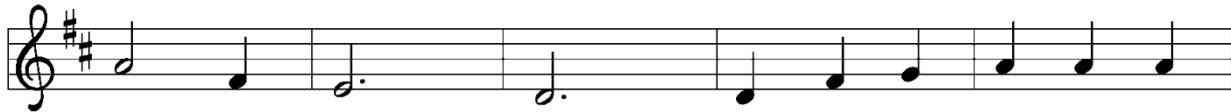
Hymns during Holy Communion

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

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When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Announcements

Farewell and Godspeed

Before the prayer, the presiding minister will invite the congregation to rise (as able).

Congregational Refrain

Christ goes be - fore, and we are called to fol - low, and all who
fol - low find the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, © 1987

Tune: RIVERSIDE, Irregular; Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

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Benediction

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and love the risen Christ.

Almighty God, holy One, ✙ holy Three,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Following page

Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
 sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
 see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty."
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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Those serving in worship today

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Cantor
Lector
Little Church – Big Faith Leader
Minister of Music
Presiding Minister

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Timothy Kocher-Hillmer
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St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements
May 25th, 2025

- **Happy Easter! Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Sixth Sunday of Easter!** – We are so glad you are here to share in this festive season, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests who are here for the first time! Children are invited to participate in Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, after the prayer of the day. There are worship “toolkits” to help children engage with worship and “busy bags” for younger children available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children. A nursery is available through the door to the left of the worship space and across the social hall (look for a purple room). We pray that everyone has a blessed Easter season!

- **Farewell and Godspeed to Matthew and Emma!** – Emma and Matthew have been part of the St. Andrew community for the past several years, and they are moving on to a new home in Rhode Island, where Matthew has a new job and they will be close to his family. On such occasions we offer blessings of farewell and Godspeed during worship. Please pray for Matthew and Emma as they move on to serve God and neighbor in a new place!
- **Little Church – Big Faith Pausing for Summer** – Little Church – Big Faith, St. Andrew’s Bible lesson and activity for children that takes place during worship, will be taking a pause for the summer after class today. Please watch future communications for information on when we will resume in September!
- **Represent St. Andrew at Pittsburgh Pride – Saturday, May 31st, in Two Hour Blocks from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** – St. Andrew is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, publicly supporting the full welcome, participation, and affirmation of LGBTQIA+ siblings in church and society. As a part of this ministry, we participate in Pittsburgh Pride each year with other RIC congregations in the area. This year’s booth will be at the Pride festival on the North Side on Saturday, May 31st. We are asking people to represent the church – greeting people, sharing conversation and information about the church, and connecting people to resources – in two-hour increments from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please speak with Kelly Spaninger. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-56727383-pittsburgh>.
- **Monthly Reparations Offering Next Week, Sunday, June 1st, during Worship** – In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus tells a story about a compassionate Samaritan, suggesting that God’s people are called to work for healing and restoration for our neighbors, regardless of who or what caused them harm. In light of this, St. Andrew has made a commitment to reparations in regard to African American spiritual songs used in our worship. The text and music of most hymns is attributed to specific authors, with copyrights in place, usage reported, and royalties paid to those whose works are featured in worship. With African American spirituals, this is not possible. In response to many years of such uncredited use, St. Andrew invites the congregation to give a reparations offering. Funds received in worship will be donated to our siblings at Bethel AME Church, whose land and building were taken from them in the 1950s, to fund their development in the Hill District.
- **Welcoming Congregations and Sanctuary – What Does This Mean?** – Several years ago, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), of which St. Andrew is a member, started a new initiative called AMMPARO, based on the Spanish word for “refuge” or “protection.” AMMPARO is an acronym for Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunities. The initiative was a response to the great needs of unaccompanied minors who were coming to the U.S., and ELCA churches were invited to support the work. St. Andrew became an AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation, committing to accompany and minister to migrants, to pray for migrants, and to advocate for just public policy regarding immigration. In 2019, at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, our church identified itself as a “Sanctuary Denomination,” which prompted much discussion of how we interpret the word “sanctuary” (See local Bishop Kurt Kusserow’s letter encouraging this discernment, “Sanctuary Church: Being our Best Selves,” here: https://gallery.mailchimp.com/a23881a5c641ed10cd7f24da0/files/5cdaff5f-e065-4b01-bfe2-f7abda5a6057/Sanctuary_Church_KusserowMessage.pdf)

We are inviting people of St. Andrew to gather after worship on Sunday, June 1st, for a discussion of our AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation designation and what this and “Sanctuary” means to us at St. Andrew in 2025. Please speak with Pastor Ross if you have questions.

- **June Produce Distribution – Tuesday, June 3rd, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** – St. Andrew partners with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to serve as a distribution site for fresh produce on the first Tuesday of every month. This month’s distribution will be on Tuesday, June 3rd. We invite people of the congregation to help with the distribution from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and/or to help with unloading and setup during the day between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- **Bethel AME Church Juneteenth Celebrations – Sunday, June 22nd, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** – Friends at Bethel AME Church have invited St. Andrew to join in their events on Sunday, June 22nd in celebration of Juneteenth. Morning worship will be at 11:00 a.m., with Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker, Presiding Bishop of the Third Episcopal District of the AME Church, preaching. A fellowship meal will follow the service. Afternoon worship will be at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Kurt Kusserow of our Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, preaching. Musicians, choir members, and soloists are invited to help lead worship. Please contact Minister of Music Laura Reynolds at ministerofmusic@standrewpittsburgh.org if you would like to participate and she will coordinate with Minister Holt of Bethel.
- **Renaissance City Choir “This Is Me” 2025 Pride and 40th Anniversary Concerts – Friday, June 27th and Saturday, June 28th, 7:30 p.m.** – Renaissance City Choir, Western Pennsylvania’s LGBTQIA+ choir, is presenting “This Is Me,” its 2025 Pride concert as the choir celebrates its 40th anniversary. The concerts will be Friday, June 27th and Saturday, June 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Point Park University Pittsburgh Playhouse, 350 Forbes Ave. In-person tickets may be purchased at [RCC 2025 #THIS IS ME Pride Concert in Pittsburgh - Checkout](#) and tickets for the live-stream can be purchased here: [#This is Me LIVE-STREAM TICKETS ONLY in Pittsburgh - Checkout](#). Accessibility questions may be directed to accessibility@rccpittsburgh.com. An ASL interpreter will be present on both dates.
- **Coffee Hour Signups Available** – One way that St. Andrew builds community is by sharing conversation over food and drinks at coffee hour after worship on Sundays. We invite people of the congregation to sign up to coordinate coffee hour each week, which includes brewing the coffee; setting out cups, napkins, food items, and cold drinks; and cleaning up afterward. Everything needed is at St. Andrew and instructions are available. Please sign up to host coffee hour here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee>.
- **New Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets for July-September Now Available at Entrances** – This resource offers a daily Bible reading with a short reflection and prayer, along with additional readings and prayer topics for those who would like to expand their devotional practices. We encourage people of the congregation to take one for yourself, your family/household, or others. There are still some copies of the April-June edition available, too!